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Mr. James Hogan
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Re: Approval of the Withdrawal of the Red River (Rio Grande to Placer Creek) Dissolved Aluminum Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – New Mexico Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Update.

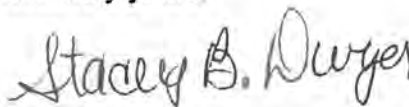
Dear Mr. Hogan:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6 has reviewed the updates to the New Mexico Statewide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) transmitted to me on December 20, 2012. Following EPA's review and evaluation of the WQMP updates, EPA is pleased to approve the Withdrawal of the Red River (Rio Grande to Placer Creek) Dissolved Aluminum TMDL.

The WQMP updates have been certified by the Governor's Designee and have undergone public participation as required by 40 CFR Part 25.

EPA appreciates New Mexico Environment Department's continuing efforts to maintain the WQMP in an efficient and timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (214) 665-7101, or your staff may contact Katrina Higgins-Coltrain, TMDL Coordinator at (214) 665-8143.

Sincerely yours,


for William K. Honker, P.E.
Director
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